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(57) Abstract

A novel type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase is provided. Methods of producing the enzyme and using the enzyme to identify potential compounds which inhibit or alter the activity of the enzyme are described. In addition, methods of using the gene sequence or portions thereof for probes or to produce expression-disrupting sense or antisense DNA fragments thereof, or antisense RNA, are provided.

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PRODUCTION AND USE OF TYPE 5 17BETA-HYDROXYSTEROID DEHYDROGENASE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to the isolation and characterization of a novel enzyme which is implicated in the production of sex steroids, and more particularly, to the characterization of the gene and cDNA of a novel 20∞ , 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase (hereinafter type 5 17β -HSD) which has been implicated in the conversion of progesterone and 4-androstenedione (Δ^4 -dione) to 20∞ -hydroxyprogesterone (20∞ -OH-P) and testosterone (T), respectively. The use of this enzyme as an assay for inhibitors of the enzyme is also described, as are several other uses of the DNA, fragments thereof and antisense fragments thereof.

Description of the Related Art

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The enzymes identified as 17β -HSDs are important in the production of human sex steroids, including androst-5-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol (Δ^5 -diol), testosterone and estradiol. It was once thought that a single gene encoded a single type of 17β -HSD which was responsible for catalyzing all of the reactions. However, in humans, several types of 17β -HSD have now been identified and characterized. Each type of 17β -HSD has been found to catalyze specific reactions and to be located in specific tissues. Further information about Types 1, 2 and 3 17β -HSD can be had by reference as follows: Type 1 17β -HSD is described by Luu-The, V. et al., *Mol. Endocrinol.*, 3:1301-1309 (1989) and by Peltoketo, H. et al., *FEBS Lett*, 239:73-77 (1988); Type 2 17β -HSD is described in Wu, L. et al., *J. Biol Chem*, 268:12964-12969 (1993); Type 3 17β -HSD is described in Geissler, WM, *Nature Genetics*, 7:34-39 (1994). A fourth type which is homologous to porcine ovarian 17β -HSD has recently been identified by researchers Adamski and de Launoit, however, applicant is not presently aware of published information on this type.

The present invention relates to a fifth type of 17β -HSD which is described in detail below.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase (17β -HSD) which is identified as type 5 17β -HSD.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide a 17 β -HSD which has been shown to be involved in the conversion of Δ^4 -dione to testosterone and in the conversion of progesterone to 20∞ -hydroxyprogesterone (20∞ -OH-P).

It is a further object of this invention to provide the nucleotide sequences and a gene map for type 5 17β -HSD.

It is also an object of this invention to provide methods of using type 5 17β-HSD in an assay to identify compounds which inhibit the activity of this enzyme, and thus may reduce production of testosterone or 20∞-hydroxyprogesterone, and can be used to treat medical conditions which respond unfavorably to these steroids.

It is an additional object of this invention to provide methods of preventing the synthesis of type 5 17 β -HSD by administering an antisense RNA of the gene sequence of type 5 17 β -HSD to interfere with the translation of the gene's mRNA.

These and other objects are discussed herein.

In particular, a novel enzyme, type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, has been identified and characterized. The gene sequence for this type 5 17β -HSD was found to encode a protein of 323 amino acids, having an apparent calculated molecular weight of 36,844 daltons. The protein is encoded by nucleotides +11 through 982, including the stop codon (amino acids +1 through 323), numbered in the 5' to 3' direction, in the following sequence (SEQ ID Nos. 1 and 2):

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GTGACAGGGA ATG GAT TCC AAA CAG CAG TGT GTA AAG CTA AAT GAT GGC

Met Asp Ser Lys Gin Gin Cys Val Lys Leu Asn Asp Gly

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CAC TTC ATG CCT GTA TTG GGA TTT GGC ACC TAT GCA CCT CCA GAG GTT 97 His Phe Met Pro Val Leu Gly Phe Gly Thr Tyr Ala Pro Pro Glu Val 15 20 25

35 CCG AGA AGT AAA GCT TTG GAG GTC ACC AAA TTA GCA ATA GAA GCT GGG 145 Pro Arg Ser Lys Ala Leu Glu Val Thr Lys Leu Ala ile Glu Ala Gly 30 35 40 45

TTC CGC CAT ATA GAT TCT GCT CAT TTA TAC AAT AAT GAG GAG CAG GTT 193

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	Phe Arg His Ile Asp Ser Ala His Leu Tyr Asn Asn Glu Glu Gln Val 50 55 60
5	GGA CTG GCC ATC CGA AGC AAG ATT GCA GAT GGC AGT GTG AAG AGA GAA 241 Gly Leu Ala lie Arg Ser Lys lie Ala Asp Gly Ser Val Lys Arg Glu 65 70 75
10	GAC ATA TTC TAC ACT TCA AAG CTT TGG TCC ACT TTT CAT CGA CCA GAG 289 Asp lie Phe Tyr Thr Ser Lys Leu Trp Ser Thr Phe His Arg Pro Glu 80 85 90
15	TTG GTC CGA CCA GCC TTG GAA AAC TCA CTG AAA AAA GCT CAA TTG GAC 337 Leu Val Arg Pro Ala Leu Glu Asn Ser Leu Lys Lys Ala Gin Leu Asp 95 100 105
	TAT GTT GAC CTC TAT CTT ATT CAT TCT CCA ATG TCT CTA AAG CCA GGT 385 Tyr Val Asp Leu Tyr Leu Ile His Ser Pro Met Ser Leu Lys Pro Gly 110 115 120 125
20	GAG GAA CTT TCA CCA ACA GAT GAA AAT GGA AAA GTA ATA TTT GAC ATA 433 Glu Glu Leu Ser Pro Thr Asp Glu Asn Gly Lys Val lie Phe Asp lie 130 135 140
25	GTG GAT CTC TGT ACC ACC TGG GAG GCC ATG GAG AAG TGT AAG GAT GCA 481 Val Asp Leu Cys Thr Thr Trp Glu Ala Met Glu Lys Cys Lys Asp Ala 145 150 155
30	GGA TTG GCC AAG TCC ATT GGG GTG TCA AAC TTC AAC CGC AGG CAG CTG 529 Gly Leu Ala Lys Ser He Gly Val Ser Asn Phe Asn Arg Arg Gin Leu 160 165 170
35	GAG ATG ATC CTC AAC AAG CCA GGA CTC AAG TAC AAG CCT GTC TGC AAC 577 Glu Met lie Leu Asn Lys Pro Gly Leu Lys Tyr Lys Pro Val Cys Asn 175 180 185
,,	CAG GTA GAA TGT CAT CCG TAT TTC AAC CGG AGT AAA TTG CTA GAT TTC 625 Gin Val Gtu Cys His Pro Tyr Phe Asri Arg Ser Lys Leu Leu Asp Phe 190 195 200 205
10	TGC AAG TCG AAA GAT ATT GTT CTG GTT GCC TAT AGT GCT CTG GGA TCT 673 Cys Lys Ser Lys Asp lie Vai Leu Vai Ala Tyr Ser Ala Leu Gly Ser 210 215 220
15	CAA CGA GAC AAA CGA TGG GTG GAC CCG AAC TCC CCG GTG CTC TTG GAG 721 Gln Arg Asp Lys Arg Trp Val Asp Pro Asn Ser Pro Val Leu Leu Glu 225 230 235
50	GAC CCA GTC CTT TGT GCC TTG GCA AAA AAG CAC AAG CGA ACC CCA GCC 769 Asp Pro Val Leu Cys Ala Leu Ala Lys Lys His Lys Arg Thr Pro Ala 240 245 250
	CTG ATT GCC CTG CGC TAC CAG CTG CAG CGT GGG GTT GTG GTC CTG GCC 817 Leu Ile Ala Leu Arg Tyr Glin Leu Gin Arg Gly Val Val Leu Ala 255 260 265
55	AAG AGC TAC AAT GAG CAG CGC ATC AGA CAG AAC GTG CAG GTT TTT GAG 865 Lys Ser Tyr Asn Glu Gln Arg Ile Arg Gln Asn Val Gln Val Phe Glu 270 275 280 285

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TTC CAG TTG ACT GCA GAG GAC ATG AAA GCC ATA GAT GGC CTA GAC AGA 913
Phe Gin Leu Thr Ala Glu Asp Met Lys Ala Ile Asp Gly Leu Asp Arg
290 295 300

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AAT CTC CAC TAT TTT AAC AGT GAT AGT TTT GCT AGC CAC CCT AAT TAT 961
Asn Leu His Tyr Phe Asn Ser Asp Ser Phe Ala Ser His Pro Asn Tyr 305 310 315

CCA TAT TCA GAT GAA TAT TAA CATGGAGACT TTGCCTGATG ATGTCTACCA 1012
Pro Tyr Ser Asp Giu Tyr * 320

GAAGGCCCTG TGTGTGGATG GTGACGCAGA GGACGTCTCT ATGCCGGTGA CTGGACATAT 1072

CACCTCTACT TAAATCCGTC CTGTTTAGCG ACTTCAGTCA ACTACAGCTC ACTCCATAGG 1132

CCAGAAATAC AATAAATCCT GTTTAGCGAC TTCAGTCAAC TACAGCTCAC TCCATAGGCC 1192

20 AGAAATACAA TAAA 1206

In addition, a complete gene map (Figure 5) and nucleotide sequences (SEQ. ID Nos. 3 through 29 and Figures 6A and 6B) of the chromosomal DNA of type 5 17β-HSD are provided. A more detailed description of the sequences will be provided *infra*.

The present invention includes methods for the synthetic production of type 5 17β -HSD, as well as peptides that are biologically functionally equivalent, and to methods of using these compounds to screen test compounds for their ability to inhibit or alter the enzymatic function. In addition, methods of producing antisense constructs to the type 5 17β -HSD gene's DNA or mRNA or portions thereof, and the use of those antisense constructs to interfere with the transcription or translation of the enzyme are also provided.

The nucleotide sequence which encodes type 5 17β-HSD and recombinant expression vectors which include the sequence may be modified so long as they continue to encode a functionally equivalent enzyme. Moreover, it is contemplated, within the invention, that codons within the coding region may be altered, *inter alia*, in a manner which, given the degeneracy of the genetic code, continues to encode the same protein or one providing a functionally equivalent protein. It is believed that nucleotide sequences analogous to SEQ ID No. 1, or those that hybridize under stringent conditions to the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, are likely to encode a type 5 17β-HSD functionally equivalent to that encoded by the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, especially if such analogous nucleotide sequence is at least 700, preferably at

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least 850 and most preferably at least 969 nucleotides in length. As used herein, except where otherwise specified, "stringent conditions" means 0.1x SSC (0.3 M sodium chloride and 0.03M sodium citrate) and 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) and 60° C.

It is also likely that tissues or cells from human or non-human sources and which tissues or cells have the enzymatic machinery to convert Δ^4 -dione to testosterone, or to convert progesterone to 20∞-hydroxyprogesterone, include a type 5 17β-HSD sufficiently analogous to human type 5 17β-HSD to be used in accordance with the present invention. In particular, cDNA libraries prepared from cells performing the foregoing conversions may be screening with probes in accordance with well known techniques prepared by reference to the nucleotides disclosed herein, and under varying degrees of stringency, in order to identify analogous cDNAs in other species. These analogous cDNAs are preferably at least 70% homologous to SEQ ID No. 1, more preferably at least 80% homologous, and most preferably at least 90% homologous. They preferably include stretches of perfect identity at least 10 nucleotides long, more preferably stretches of 15, 20 or even 30 nucleotides of perfect identity. Appropriate probes may be prepared from SEQ ID No. 1 or fragments thereof of suitable length, preferably at least 15 nucleotides in length. Confirmation with at least two distinct probes is preferred. Alternative isolation strategies, such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification, may also be used.

Homologous type 5 17β -HSDs so obtained, as well as the genes encoding them, are used in accordance with the invention in all of the ways for using SEQ ID No. 2 and SEQ ID No. 1, respectively.

Recombinant expression vectors can include the entire coding region for human type 5 17 β -HSD as shown in SEQ ID No. 1, the coding region for human type 5 17 β -HSD which has been modified, portions of the coding region for human type 5 17 β -HSD, the chromosomal DNA of type 5 17 β -HSD, an antisense construct to type 5 17 β -HSD. or portions of antisense constructs to type 5 17 β -HSD.

In the context of the invention, "isolated" means having a higher purity than exists in nature, but does not require purification from a natural source. Isolated nucleotides encoding type 5 17β -HSD may be produced synthetically, or by isolating cDNA thereof from a cDNA library or by any of numerous other methods well understood in the art.

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In one embodiment, the invention provides an isolated nucleotide sequence encoding type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, said sequence being sufficiently homologous to SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof, to hybridize under stringent conditions to the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof and said sequence encoding an enzyme which catalyzes the conversion of progesterone to 20∞ -hydroxyprogesterone and the conversion of 4-androstenedione to testosterone.

In a further embodiment, the invention provides an isolated nucleotide sequence comprising at least ten consecutive nucleotides identical to 10 consecutive nucleotides in the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, or the complement thereof.

In an additional embodiment, the invention provides an oligonucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID Nos. 30 through 59.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a recombinant expression vector comprising a promoter sequence and an oligonucleotide sequence selected from the group of SEQ ID Nos. 30 to 59.

In a further embodiment, the invention provides a method of blocking synthesis of type 5 17β -HSD, comprising the step of introducing an oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID Nos. 30 to 59 into cells.

In an additional embodiment, the invention provides an isolated chromosomal DNA fragment which upon transcription and translation encodes type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase and wherein said fragment contains nine exons and wherein said fragment includes introns which are 16 kilobase pairs in length.

In another embodiment, the invention provides an isolated DNA sequence encoding type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, said sequence being sufficiently homologous to SEQ ID No. 3 or a complement thereof, to hybridize under stringent conditions to SEQ ID No. 3, or its complement.

In a further embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the steps of preparing a recombinant host transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 3 and culturing said host under conditions which are conducive to the production of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase by said host.

In an additional embodiment, the invention provides a method for determining the inhibitory effect of a test compound on the enzymatic activity of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the steps of providing type 5 17β -

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hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase; contacting said type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase with said test compound; and thereafter determining the enzymatic activity of said type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase in the presence of said test compound.

In an additional embodiment, the invention provides a method of interfering with the expression of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering nucleic acids substantially identical to at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof.

In a further embodiment, there is provided a method of interfering with the synthesis of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering antisense RNA complementary to mRNA encoded by at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof.

In an additional embodiment, the invention provides a method of interfering with the expression of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering nucleic acids substantially identical to at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 3 or a complement thereof.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of interfering with the synthesis of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering antisense RNA complementary to mRNA encoded by at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 3 or a complement thereof.

In a further embodiment, there is provided a method for determining the inhibitory effect of antisense nucleic acids on the enzymatic activity of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the steps of providing a host system capable of expressing type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase; introducing said antisense nucleic acids into said host system; and thereafter determining the enzymatic activity of said type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase.

Other features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of the invention which refers to the accompanying drawings.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A and 1B are graphs showing the enzymatic activities of Type 5 17β-

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HSD on various substrates. The enzyme was expressed in embryonal kidney (293) cells (ATCC CRL 1573) which were transfected with a vector, prepared in accordance with the invention, and containing the gene encoding human type 5 17 β -HSD. Figure 1A shows the substrate specificity of type 5 17 β -HSD. The concentration of each substrate was 0.1 μ M. Figure 1B shows the time course amount of 20 α -HSD and 17 β -HSD activities of cells transfected with vectors containing human type 5 17 β -HSD. The substrates, progesterone (P) and Δ^4 -dione, were added at a concentration of 0.1 μ M;

Figure 2 is a map of a pCMV vector which is exemplary of one that can be used to transfect host cells in accordance with the invention;

Figure 3 is the cDNA sequence (SEQ ID No. 1) and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No. 2) of human type 5 17β -HSD. The nucleotide sequence is numbered in the 5' to 3' direction with the adenosine of the initiation codon (ATG) designated as +11. The translation stop codon is indicated by asterisks. The potential post modification sites are underlined, wherein TSK = tyrosine sulfokinase; CK2 = casein kinase II; PKC = protein kinase C; NG = N-glycosylation; and NM = N-myrystoylation;

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Figure 4 is a comparison of the deduced amino acid sequence of human type 5 17β -HSD to the amino acid sequences of rabbit (rb), rat (r), and bovine (b) 20∞ -HSD as well as human (h) and rat (r) 3∞ -HSD, bovine prostaglandin f synthase (b pgfs) and frog ρ -crystallin (f ρ -crys). The amino sequences are indicated using the conventional single letter code and are numbered on the right. The dashes (-) and dots (.) indicate identical and missing amino acid residues, respectively;

Figure 5 is a map of the chromosomal DNA of a gene which encodes type 5 17β -HSD; and

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Figures 6A and 6B are the nucleotide sequence of the chromosomal DNA of a gene which encodes type 5 17β -HSD.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

A gene encoding the enzyme, type 5 17β -HSD, has been isolated and encodes a protein having 323 amino acids with a calculated molecular weight of 36,844 daltons. As shown in Figure 3, the coding portion of this gene includes nucleotides +11 through 982, including the stop codon (and encodes amino acids +1 through 323), numbered in the 5' to 3' direction.

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The chromosomal DNA fragment of the gene for type 5 17β-HSD has also been characterized. A map of the gene is provided in Figure 5. In particular, it was found, using primer extension analysis, that the gene includes 16 kilobase pairs (kb) and contained nine short exons. A portion of the 5' flanking region, as set forth in SEQ ID No. 3, of the genomic DNA includes 730 base pairs (bp). Exon I (SEQ ID No. 4) contains 37 nucleotides in the 5'-noncoding region and the nucleotides for the first 28 amino acids. The second intron region includes the nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID Nos. 5 and 6, which are 252 and 410 bp, respectively. These are joined by a 1.2 kb region which is not important and therefore, its sequence has been omitted. Exon 2 (SEQ ID No. 7) contains nucleotides for the following 56 amino acids of human type 5 17β-HSD. The following intron region includes SEQ ID Nos. 8 and 9, 700 and 73 bp, respectively, which are joined by a 0.1 kb region for which the sequence has not been provided. Exon 3 (SEQ ID No. 10) includes the next 117 nucleotides which specify the following 39 amino acids. The fourth intron region is represented by SEQ ID Nos. 11 and 12, 152 and 208 nucleotides in length, respectively, with a 0.9 kb region in between which has not been provided. Exon 4 (SEQ ID No. 13) includes the next 78 bp which specify the following 26 amino acids of the enzyme. Intron region five contains SEQ ID Nos. 14 and 15, with 98 and 249 nucleotides, respectively, with a 0.1 kb region in the middle which has not been provided. The fifth exon (SEQ ID No. 16) contains nucleotides for the following 41 amino acids of human type 5 17β-HSD. The sixth intron region, set forth in SEQ ID Nos. 17 and 18 with 138 and 189 bp, respectively, also includes a 2.8 kb region which has not been provided. Exon 6 (SEQ ID No. 19) contains nucleotides for the following 36 amino acids of type 5 17β-HSD, as well as two nucleotides of the codon 227 (Trp). The next intron region includes a 136 bp portion (SEQ ID No. 20) and a

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66 bp portion (SEQ ID No. 21) which are joined by a 0.1 kb region which is not set forth. Exon 7 (SEQ ID No. 22) contains nucleotides for the third nucleotide of codon 227 (Trp) and nucleotides for the following 55 codons. The following intron region includes a 136 nucleotide region (SEQ ID No. 23), a 2.5 kb region which is not provided and a 286 bp region (SEQ ID No. 24). Exon 8 (SEQ ID No. 25) includes 83 nucleotides which code for the following 27 amino acids and 2 nucleotides of codon 310. The ninth intron region contains 713 nucleotides (SEQ ID No. 26) followed by a 1 kb region which has not been provided followed by a 415 nucleotide region (SEQ ID No. 27). Exon 9 (SEQ ID No. 28) contains the third nucleotide of codon 310, 42 nucleotides for the last 13 amino acids and a stop codon and approximately 200 nucleotides in the 3'-untranslated region. A polymorphic (GT)_n repeat region that can be used to perform genetic linkage mapping of the type 5 17β-HSD can be found 255 nucleotides downstream from the TAA stop codon. SEQ ID No. 29 sets forth 109 bp of additional genomic sequence. The nucleotide sequence of the gene fragment, as described above, is provided in Figures 6A and 6B.

The type 5 17β-HSD enzyme can be produced by incorporating the nucleotide sequence for the coding portion of the gene into a vector which is then transformed or transfected into a host system which is capable of expressing the enzyme. The DNA can be maintained transiently in the host or can be stably integrated into the genome of the host cell. In addition, the chromosomal DNA can be incorporated into a vector and transfected into a host system for cloning.

In particular, for the cloning and expression of type 5 17β -HSD, any common expression vectors, such as plasmids, can be used. These vectors can be prokaryotic expression vectors including those derived from bacteriophage λ such as λ gtl1 and λ EMBL3, *E. coli* strains such as pBR322 and Bluescript (Stratagene); or eukaryotic vectors, such as those in the pCMV family. Vectors incorporating an isolated human cDNA shown in Sequence ID No. 1 (ATCC Deposit No.) and the chromosomal DNA as shown in Sequence ID Nos. 3 through 29 (ATCC Deposit No.) for type 5 17β -HSD have been placed on deposit at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Rockville, MD), in accordance with the terms of the Budapest Treaty, and will be made available to the public upon issuance of a patent based on the present patent application.

These vectors generally include appropriate replication and control sequences

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which are compatible with the host system into which the vectors are transfected. A promoter sequence is generally included. For prokaryotes, some representative promoters include β -lactamase, lactose, and tryptophan. In mammalian cells, commonly used promoters include, but are not limited to, adenovirus, cytomegalovirus (CMV) and simian virus 40 (SV40). The vector can also optionally include, as appropriate, an origin of replication, ribosome binding sites, RNA splice sites, polyadenylation sites, transcriptional termination sequences and/or a selectable marker. It is well understood that there are a variety of vector systems with various characteristics which can be used in the practice of the invention. A map of the pCMV vector, which is an example of a vector which can be used in the practice of the invention, is provided in Figure 2.

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Commonly known host systems which are known for expressing an enzyme, and which may be transfected with an appropriate vector which includes a gene for Type 5 17β-HSD can be used in the practice of the invention. These host systems include prokaryotic hosts, such as *E. coli*, bacilli, such as *Bacillus subtilus*, and other enterobacteria, such as *Salmonella*, *Serratia*, and *Pseudomonas* species. Eukaryotic microbes, including yeast cultures, can also be used. The most common of these is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. although other species are commercially available and can be used. Furthermore, cell cultures can be grown which are derived from mammalian cells. Some examples of suitable host cell lines include embryonal kidney (293), SW-13, chinese hamster ovary (CHO), HeLa, myeloma, Jurkat, COS-1, BHK, W138 and madin-darby canine kidney (MDCK). In the practice of the invention, the 293 cells are preferred.

Type 5 17 β -HSD, whether recombinantly produced as described herein, purified from nature, or otherwise produced, can be used in assays to identify compounds which inhibit or alter the activity of the enzyme. In particular, since type 5 17 β -HSD is shown to catalyze the conversion of progesterone to 20 ∞ -OH-P and the conversion of Δ^4 -dione to testosterone, this enzyme can be used to identify compounds which interfere with the production of these sex steroids. It is preferred that the enzyme be obtained directly from the recombinant host, wherein following expression, a crude homogenate is prepared which includes the enzyme. A substrate of the enzyme, such as progesterone or Δ^4 -dione and a compound to be tested are then mixed with the homogenate. The activity of the enzyme with and without the test compound

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is compared. Numerous methods are known which can be used to indicate the effects of the test compound on the activity of the substrate for easy detection of the relative amounts of substrate and product over time. For example, it is possible to label the substrate so that the label also stays on any product that is formed. Radioactive labels, such as C¹⁴ or H³, which can be quantitatively analyzed are particularly useful.

It is preferred that the mixture of the enzyme, test compound and substrate be allowed to incubate for a predetermined amount of time. In addition, it is preferred that the product is separated from the substrate for easier analysis. A number of separation techniques are known, for example, thin layer chromatography (TLC), high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC), spectrophotometry, gas chromatography, mass spectrophotometry and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). However, any known method which can differentiate between a substrate and a product can be used.

It is also contemplated that the gene for type 5 17β-HSD or a portion thereof can be used to produce antisense nucleic acid sequences for inhibiting expression of Type 5 17β-HSD *in vivo*. Thus activity of the enzyme and levels of its products (e.g. testosterone) may be reduced where desirable. In general, antisense nucleic acid sequences can interfere with transcription, splicing or translation processes. Antisense sequences can prevent transcription by forming a triple helix or hybridizing to an opened loop which is created by RNA polymerase or hybridizing to nascent RNA. On the other hand, splicing can advantageously be interfered with if the antisense sequences bind at the intersection of an exon and an intron. Finally, translation can be affected by blocking the binding of initiation factors or by preventing the assembly of ribosomal subunits at the start codon or by blocking the ribosome from the coding portion of the mRNA, preferably by using RNA that is antisense to the message. For further general information, see Hélène et al., *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, 1049:99-125 (1990), which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

An antisense nucleic acid sequence is an RNA or single stranded DNA sequence which is complementary to the target portion of the target gene. These antisense sequences are introduced into cells where the complementary strand base pairs with the target portion of the target gene, thereby blocking the transcription, splicing or translation of the gene and eliminating or reducing the production of type 5 17β -HSD. The length of the antisense nucleic acid sequence need be no more than is sufficient to interfere with the transcription, splicing or translation of functional type 5

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 17β -HSD. Antisense strands can range in size from 10 nucleotides to the complete gene, however, about 10 to 50 nucleotides are preferred, and 15 to 25 nucleotides are most preferred.

Although it is contemplated that any portion of the gene could be used to 5 produce antisense sequences, it is preferred that the antisense is directed to the coding portion of the gene or to the sequence around the translation initiation site of the mRNA or to a portion of the promoter. Some examples of specific antisense oligonucleotide sequences in the coding region which can be used to block type 5 17β-HSD synthesis include: TTTAGCTTTACACACTGCTGTT (SEQ ID No. 30); 10 TCCAAAGCTTTACTTCTCGG (SEQ ID No. 31); GATGAAAAGTGGACCA 32); ATCTGTTGGTGAAAGTTC (SEO ID No. TCCAGCTGCCTGCGGT (SEQ ID No. 34); CTTGTACTTGAGTCCTG (SEQ ID No. 35): CTCCGGTTGAAATACGGA (SEQ ID No. 36); CATCGTTTGTCTCGTTGAGA (SEO ID No. 37): 15 TCACTGTTAAAATAGTGGAGAT (SEQ ID No. 38); ATCTGAATATGGATAAT (SEQ ID No. 39). Examples of antisense oligonucleotide sequences which can block the splicing of the type 5 17β-HSD premessage are as follows: TTCTCGGAACCTGGAGGAGC (SEQ ID No. 40); GACACAGTACCTTTGAAGTG (SEQ ID No. 41); 20 TGGACCAAAGCTGCAGAGGT (SEQ ID No. 42); CCTCACCTGGCTGAAATAGA (SEQ ID No. 43): AAGCACTCACCTCCCAGGTG (SEQ ID No. 44); GACATTCTACCTGCAGTTGA (SEQ ID No. 45); CTCAAAAACCTATCAGAAA (SEQ ID No. 46); GGAAACTTACCTATCACTGT (SEQ ID No. 47); GCTAGCAAAACTGAAAAGAG (SEQ ID No. 48). 25 Examples of antisense oligonucleotide sequences which inhibit the promoter activity of type 5 17\beta-HSd include: GAGAAATATTCATTCTG (SEQ ID No. 49): CGAGTCCTGATAAAGCTG (SEQ ID No. 50); GATGAGGGTGCAAATAA (SEQ No. 51); GGAGTGTTAATTAATAACAGTTT (SEQ ID No. 52): 30 CAGAGATTACAAAAAAAAAT (SEQ ID No. 53); TGCCTTTTTACATTTCAATCA (SEQ ID No. 54); ACACATAATTTAAAGGA (SEO ID No. 55); TTAAATTATTCAAAAGG (SEO ID No. 56); AAGAGAAATATTCATTTCTG (SEQ ID No. 57);

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CCCCTCCCCCACCCTGCA (SEQ ID No. 58); CTGCCGTGATAATGCCCC (SEQ ID No. 59).

As is well understood in the art, the oligonucleotide sequences can be modified in various manners in order to increase the effectiveness of the treatment with oligonucleotides. In particular, the sequences can be modified to include additional RNA to the 3' end of the RNA which can form a hairpin-loop structure and thereby prevent degradation by nucleases. In addition, the chemical linkages in the backbone of the oligonucleotides can be modified to also prevent cleavage by nucleases.

There are numerous methods which are known in the art for introducing the antisense strands into cells. One strategy is to incorporate the gene which encodes type 5 17β -HSD in the opposite orientation in a vector so that the RNA which is transcribed from the plasmid is complementary to the mRNA transcribed from the cellular gene. A strong promoter, such as pCMV, is generally included in the vector, upstream of the gene sequence, so that a large amount of the antisense RNA is produced and is available for binding sense mRNA. The vectors are then transfected into cells which are then administered. It is also possible to produce single stranded DNA oligonucleotides or antisense RNA and incorporate these into cells or liposomes which are then administered. The use of liposomes, such as those described in WO95/03788, which is herein incorporated by reference, is preferred. However, other methods which are well understood in the art can also be used to introduce the antisense strands into cells and to administer to these patients in need of such treatment.

The following is an example of the expression of human type 5 17β -HSD. This example is intended to be illustrative of the invention and it is well understood by those of skill in the art that modifications, alterations and different techniques can be used within the scope of the invention.

Expression of 20∞ , 17β -HSD (Type 5 17β -HSD)

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Construction of the expression vector and nucleotide sequence determination

The phage DNA were digested with EcoRI restriction enzyme and the resulting cDNA fragments were inserted in the EcoRI site downstream to the cytomegalovirus

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(CMV) promoter of the pCMV vector as shown in Figure 2. The recombinant pCMV plasmids were amplified in *Escherichia coli* DH5α competent cells, and were isolated using the alkaline lysis procedure as described by Maniatis in Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual (Cold Spring Harbor Press 1982). The sequencing of double-stranded plasmid DNA was performed according to the dideoxy chain termination method described by Sanger F. et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, 74:5463-5467 (1977) using a T7 DNA polymerase sequencing kit (Pharmacia LKB Biotechnology). In order to avoid errors, all sequences were determined by sequencing both strands of the DNA. The oligonucleotide primers were synthesized using a 394 DNA/RNA synthesizer (Applied Biosystem).

As shown in Figure 2, the pCMV vector contains 582 nucleotides of the pCMV promoter, followed by 74 nucleotides of unknown origin which includes the EcoRI and HindIII sites, followed by 432 basepairs (bp) of a small t intron (fragment 4713 - 4570) and a polyadenylation signal (fragment 2825 - 2536) of SV40, followed by 156 nucleotides of unknown origin, followed by 1989 bp of the PvuII (628) to AatII (2617) fragment from the pUC 19 vector (New England Biolabs) which contains an *E. coli* origin of replication and an ampicillin resistance gene for propagation in *E. coli*.

20 Transient expression in transformed embryonal kidney (293) cells

The vectors were transfected using the calcium phosphate procedure described by Kingston, R.E., In: Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Ausubel et al. eds., pp. 9.1.1 - 9.1.9, John Wiley & Sons, N.Y. (1987) and used 1 to 10 μg of recombinant plasmid DNA per 106 cells. The total amount of DNA is kept at 10μg of plasmid DNA per 106 cells by completing with pCMV plasmid without insert. The cells were initially plated at 104 cells/cm² in Falcon® culture flasks and grown in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium containing 10% (vol/vol) fetal bovine serum (hyclone, Logan, UT) under a humidified atmosphere of air/CO² (95%/5%) at 37°C and supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 100 IU penicillin/ml, and 100 μg streptomycin sulfate/ml.

Assay of enzymatic activity

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The determination of enzymatic activity was performed as described by Luu-

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The et al., *Biochemistry*, 13:8861-8865 (1991) which is herein incorporated by reference. See also Lachance et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 265:20469 - 20475 (1990). Briefly, 0.1 μM of the indicated ¹⁴C-labeled substrate (Dupont Inc. (Canada)), namely, dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), 4-androstene-3,17-dione (Δ⁴-dione), testosterone (T), estrone (E1), estradiol (E2), dihydrotestosterone (DHT), and progesterone (PROG), was added to freshly changed culture medium in a 6-well culture plate. After incubation for 1 hour, the steroids were extracted twice with 2 ml of ether. The organic phase was pooled and evaporated to dryness. The steroids were solubilized in 50 μl of dichloromethane, applied to a Silica gel 60 thin layer chromatography (TLC) plate (Merck, Darmstad, Germany) and then separated by migration in the toluene-acetone (4:1) solvent system (Luu-The, V. et al., *J. Invest. Dermatol.*, 102:221-226 (1994) which is herein incorporated by reference). The substrates and metabolites were identified by comparison with reference steroids, revealed by autoradiography and quantitated using the Phosphoimager System (Molecular Dynamics, Sunnyvale, CA).

Cloning of the type 5 17\beta-HSD genomic DNA clone

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The hybridization and sequencing methods were as described above and as previously described (Luu-The et al., *Mol. Endocrinol.*, 4:268-275 (1990); Luu-The et al., *DNA and Cell Biol.*, 14:511-518 (1995); Lachance et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 265:20469-20475 (1990); Lachance et al., *DNA and Cell Biol.* 10:701-711 (1991): Bernier et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 269, 28200-28205, (1994) which are herein incorporated by reference).

About 20 recombinant clones which gave the strongest hybridization signal were selected for second and third screening in order to isolate a single phage plaque. The two longest clones that hybridized with specific oligonucleotides probes located at the 5' and 3' regions of type 5 17β-HSD, respectively, were selected for mapping, subcloning and sequencing. As shown in Figures 5 and 6, the gene is included in approximately 16 kilobase pairs of introns and contains 9 short exons. A primer extension analysis using oligoprimer CAT-CAT-TTA-GCT-TTA-CAT-ACT-GCT-G located at positions 13 to 27, indicates that the start site is situated 37 nucleotides upstream from the ATG initiating codon.

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The sites and signatures in the primary protein sequence were detected using PC/Gene software (Intelli Genetics Inc., Mountain View, CA). This analysis revealed a potential N-glycosylation site at Asn-198; five protein kinase C sites at Ser-73, Thr-82, Ser-102, Ser-121, and Ser-221; five casein kinase II phosphorylation sites at Ser-129, Thr-146, Ser-221, Ser-271, and Thr-289; two N-myristoylation sites at Gly-158 and Gly-298; a tyrosine sulfatation site at Tyr-55; an aldo/keto reductase family signature 1 (25) at amino acids 158 to 168 and an aldo/keto reductase family putative active site signature at amino acids 262 to 280.

As described above, the enzymatic activity of the type 5 17β -HSD was evaluated by transfecting 293 cells with vectors which included the gene encoding human type 5 17β -HSD. The ability of the enzyme to catalyze the transformation of progesterone (P) to 20∞ -hydroxyprogesterone (20∞ -OH-P), 4-androstenedione (Δ^4 -dione) to testosterone (T), 5∞ -androstane-3,17-dione (A-dione) to dihydrotestosterone (DHT), dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) to 5-androstene-3 β ,17 β -diol, and estrone (E1) to estradiol (E2) was analyzed. As shown in Figure 1A, the enzyme possesses high reductive 20∞ -HSD activity, wherein progesterone (P) is transformed to the inactive 20∞ -OH-P, and 17β -HSD activity, wherein Δ^4 -dione is converted to testosterone (T). However, 3∞ -HSD activity which is responsible for the transformation of DHT to 5∞ -androstane- 3α ,17 β -diol is negligible. The ability of this enzyme to transform E1 and E2 was also negligible (Figure 1A). Figure 1B shows that the 20∞ -HSD and 17β -HSD activities increased over time.

The isolated amino acid sequence of human type 5 17β -HSD was also compared with rabbit 20∞ -HSD (rb), rat 20∞ -HSD (r), human 3∞ -HSD (h), rat 3∞ -HSD (r), bovine prostaglandin f synthase (b pgfs), frog ρ -crystallin (f ρ -crys) and human type 1 and type 2 17β -HSDs (h) as shown in Figure 4. These sequences show 76.2%, 70.7%, 84.0%, 68.7%, 78.3%, 59.7%, 15.2% and 15.0% identity with type 5 17β -HSD, respectively.

Although the present invention has been described in relation to particular embodiments thereof, many other variations and modifications and other uses will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

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55	ATTGCAGATG GCAGTGTGAA GAGAGAAGAC ATATTCTACA CTTCAAAG	120
در	(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:	168

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5	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS: (A) LENGTH: 700 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
10	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
••	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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25	GGCTGTGTTC CAATTTATGA CCTGAAAGTC CCTTTACTTT TTTGAGCTTC AGCCGAGATC	240
	AGTGTGATTT GACATGTGCT ATAGAATCAC AGAGAACAAT AATCATGTTA TGGTTTTTCT	300
20	TATCGCCTGG GTGATTTTCT AAGATTTCTT ATTATTCTCT CAATTGCTAT CTTTATCAGT	360
30	GAGATAGAAA GCAATATAAG AAAGCTCTGG GAGTATTAAA TAATAGACAC TTAAATTGTC	420
	CTARATTGTG TCCAGCATAG TGAGCATGTT CAAAACTTGT TTTACCCCCC TTTTATGTTG	480
35	CTTTAGTTTC TAAGCAACAT AAATAGCTAT TCTTAAGCAT TGGGTTGAAT GGATAGAAGA	540
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50	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
66	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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<i>(E</i>	TTAACCTCTG CAG	73
65	(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:	
	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:	

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10	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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<i>33</i>	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	CCGTAAGTGG AACACCTAAT TTCCTTTCTT TC	152
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	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
60	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
•••	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	ATATAATATT TGTAAGAGAT TAGAGGAAGC CTGTCTCCTG AATACATTCC TTATACCTTC	
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	ATCATTAAAA TGACTGCTTC TATTTCAG	208
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	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid	
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20	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	(B) LOCATION: 178	
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	'D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
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	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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65	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single (C) TOPOLOGY: linear	
<i></i>	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	

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	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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10	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:	
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15	TTTGACAATC ACTGCTAGCT ATTTTCATTG TCATACTTTG AAAGTTGTTG CTCTCACAGT	180
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	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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45	CAG	123
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<i>J</i>	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
60	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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5	AAAGCTTCTG TCAAGAAA	138
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	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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30	TTTCATCTTT TCAATATTAA CATAACTATT TCATATAAAT TGATGCTTCT CTCTTTTGGT	180
	CAACTGCAG	189
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40	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
45	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:	
5 5	GTAGAATGTC ATCCGTATTT CAACCGGAGT AAATTGCTAG ATTTCTGCAA GTCGAAAGAT	60
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65	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	

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	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
5	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
10	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:	
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15	GTTTCTGACG AGATCT	136
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25	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
30	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	TTCCAG	66
40	(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:	
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	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
50	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
55	(ix) FEATURE: (A) NAME/KEY: exon (B) LOCATION: 1166	
60	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:	
	GGTGGACCCG AACTCCCCGG TGCTCTTGGA GGACCCAGTC CTTTGTGCCT TGGCAAAAAA	60
65	GCACAAGCGA ACCCCAGCCC TGATTGCCCT GCGCTACCAG CTGCAGCGTG GGGTTGTGGT	120
	CCTGGCCAAG AGCTACAATG AGCAGCGCAT CAGACAGAAC GTGCAG	166

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5	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS: (A) LENGTH: 136 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
10	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:	
20	STGAGGAGCG GGGCTGTGGG CCTCAGGTCT CCTGCACAGT GTCCTTCACA CGTGTGCTTC	
	TTGTAAGGCT CTCAGGACAG CCTTGGGCCA GCTCCATTTC CCTGTATTTC CCATATGAAT	60
	SCTTTGCGTG CATCCT	120
25	(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:	136
30	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS: (A) LENGTH: 286 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
35	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
40	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:	
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50	TTTTCGTGAG CTATTCATTG ACCCACCTGA GTGTTTAGAG CTGACTTCTA TAACTGTTTA	180
	AAACTTACCA ATATTTTAAG TATTGTCTCT GCACCCTACT GTCTAATATA CTTGGGGATT	240
	CACAACTGGC AATCTAAAAA TAATAAAAGT TTTTTATTTC TGATAG	286
55	.2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:	
60	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS: A) LENGTH: 83 base pairs B) TYPE: nucleic acid C) STRANDEDNESS: single D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MCLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
55	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ATTI-SENSE: NO	

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5	(ix) FEATURE: (A) NAME/KEY: exon (B) LOCATION: 183	
10	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25: GTTTTTGAGT TCCAGTTGAC TGCAGAGGAC ATGAAAGCCA TAGATGGCCT AGACAGAAAT	60
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	CTCCACTATT TTAACAGTGA TAG	83
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	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single	
20	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
25	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
23	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
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	GAACTCTCCT GCTGGATTCA CTCCAGAGCT CTGTTCTCTG GCAGGGTGAG TGGGCAGGGA	180
40	TCAGCATGGG TCAACCTGTG CCTCTGCTCT CCTGACTCCA TGGAACTTTC CAGAGCAGCC	240
	AACATCATTG CCAAGTCTGC ACGTTCCATA TAGGCCTGGT GTTTCTACCA CTGGACATGC	300
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50	GCTTTTGCCT CCAGAAAGCC TTCCTTAGTG GAGTGAATAG GAGTGCTTGT CCTTGATTTC	600
	CTGCAATATG GAGCTCTCAA GGCAGAGAAT TTAAAAAAAT TTAAAATCAA GGAGTGTGAG	660
55	TGTGGAGGCA GAAGCTCCAT TGTTGTATAT AATTTGTAGC TGATAAAAGA TCT	713
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65	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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	AAAGAAAGTA TAATCAGAGT ATCTCTGCTC TGCTGACAGA TGTACAGGAA TATACTTGAA	18
15	TATTTGACTT TGTGTGTTTT ACGTGTTAAC TTCCAGATAA GGGAATATGA TTGAATAATT	24
	TATTATTTTG AAAATACTGT ATTATGAAGC CATGTTCATA AAGGTAAGAA AGGCAGATTC	30
20	TACAACTAGT CAGACAACTT AACATTCATA CTAATGACAG CTTCATTGAA ATCACTTTAC	36
	TACTCCCCTA GTAATGGAGT CATTGCATTT ATATTATACA TTATTCTCTT TTCAG	41
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	(A) LENGTH: 230 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid	
30	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
35	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
40	(ix) FEATURE: (A) NAME/KEY: exon (B) LOCATION: 1230	
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50	GTGACTGGAC ATATCACCTC TACTTAAATC CGTCCTGTTT AGCGACTTCA GTCAACTACA	180
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65	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	

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15	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
20	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES	
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30	(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:	
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	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
40	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES	
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50	TCCAAAGCTT TACTTCTCGG	20
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60	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)	
30	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES	

- 34 -(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:32: GATGAAAAGT GGACCA 16 5 2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33: (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS: (A) LENGTH: 18 base pairs
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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
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                  (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
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          (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)
         (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
          (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES
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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
                  (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
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          (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
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           (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES
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                  'B) TYPE: nucleic acid
                  (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
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                  (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
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          (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
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           (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES
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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
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                  (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
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40	(iv)	ANTI-SENSE: YES	
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15	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES	
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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear 25 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic) (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO 30 (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES 35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:56: TTAAATTATT CAAAAGG 17 40 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:57: (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS: (A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single 45 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic) 50 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES 55 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:57: AAGAGAAATA TTCATTTCTG 20 60 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:58:

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(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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          (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
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           (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES
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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
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           (iv) ANTI-SENSE: YES
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CTGCCGTGAT AATGCCCC

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CLAIMS

We claim:

- An isolated nucleotide sequence encoding type 5 17β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, said sequence being sufficiently homologous to SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof, to hybridize under stringent conditions to the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof and said sequence encoding an enzyme which catalyzes the conversion of progesterone to 20∞-hydroxyprogesterone and the conversion of 4-androstenedione to testosterone.
 - 2. The nucleotide sequence, as recited in claim 1, wherein said sequence is the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1.
- 15 3. A recombinant expression vector comprising a promoter sequence and a nucleotide sequence in accordance with claim 1.
 - 4. A recombinant expression vector comprising a promoter sequence and a nucleotide sequence in accordance with claim 2.
 - 5. A recombinant host cell, transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 4.
 - 6. The recombinant host cell of claim 5, wherein said host cell is a eukaryotic cell.
 - 7. A recombinant host cell, transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 3.
 - 8. The recombinant host cell of claim 7, wherein said host cell is a eukaryotic cell.
 - 9. The recombinant host cell of claim 8, wherein a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions with SEQ ID No. 1 or its complement is integrated into the genome of said host cell.

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- 10. The recombinant host cell of claim 9, wherein said nucleotide sequence is located on a recombinant vector.
- 5 11. The recombinant host cell, as recited in claim 8, wherein said host cell is capable of expressing a biologically active type 5 17β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase.
 - 12. An isolated nucleotide sequence comprising at least ten consecutive nucleotides identical to 10 consecutive nucleotides in the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, or the complement thereof.
 - 13. The nucleotide sequence, as recited in claim 12, wherein said sequence comprises at least fifteen consecutive nucleotides identical to 15 consecutive nucleotides in the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, or the complement thereof.
 - 14. The nucleotide sequence, as recited in claim 13, wherein said sequence comprises at least twenty consecutive nucleotides identical to 20 consecutive nucleotides in the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, or the complement thereof.
- 20 15. The nucleotide sequence, as recited in claim 13, wherein said sequence comprises at least thirty consecutive nucleotides identical to 30 consecutive nucleotides in the coding region of SEQ ID No. 1, or the complement thereof.
- An oligonucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of 16. 25 TTTAGCTTTACACACTGCTGTT (SEQ ID No. 30). TCCAAAGCTTTACTTCTCGG (SEQ ID No. 31), GATGAAAAGTGGACCA (SEQ ID No. 32). ATCTGTTGGTGAAAGTTC (SEQ ID No. TCCAGCTGCCGGT (SEQ ID No. 34), CTTGTACTTGAGTCCTG (SEQ ID No. 35). CTCCGGTTGAAATACGGA (SEO ID No. 36). 30 CATCGTTTGTCTCGTTGAGA (SEO ID No. 37). TCACTGTTAAAATAGTGGAGAT (SEO ID No. 38). and ATCTGAATATGGATAAT (SEQ ID No. 39).

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17.	An	oligonucle	otide :	sequence	selected	from	the g	group	cons	isting	of
TTCT	`CGG	AACCTGC	AGGA	.GC	(SEQ]	ID	N	o.		40),
GACA	ACAC	STACCTTI	GAAG	TG	(SEQ]	D	N	Ο.	•	41),
TGGA	ACCA	AAGCTG	CAGAC	GT	(SEQ	•	ID	N	o.	•	42),
CCTC	CACC	TGGCTGA	AATA	GA	(SEQ	1	D	N	ο.		43),
AAG	CACT	CACCTCC	CCAGG	TG	(SEQ	1	D	N	О.	•	44),
GAC	ATTC	TACCTGC	CAGTT	GA (SEQ	ID No. 4	5), CT(CAAA	AACC	TAT	CAGA	AA
(SEQ	ID	No. 46),	GGAA	ACTTAC	CTATCA	CTGT	(SEQ	ID	No.	47),	and
GCTA	\GCA	AAACTG	44440	GAG (SEC	ID No. 4	8).					

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An oligonucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of GAGAAATATTCATTCTG (SEQ ID No. 49), CGAGTCCTGATAAAGCTG (SEO No. **GATGAGGGTGCAAATAA** 50). (SEO No. ID 51). **GGAGTGTTAATTAATAACAGTTT** (SEO ID No. 52), 15 CAGAGATTACAAAAACAAT (SEQ ID No. 53), TGCCTTTTTACATTTCAATCA (SEQ ID No. 54), ACACATAATTTAAAGGA TTAAATTATTCAAAAGG (SEQ (SEO ID No. 55), ID No. 56), **AAGAGAAATATTCATTTCTG** (SEQ ID No. 57), CCCCTCCCCCACCCCTGCA No. (SEQ ID 58), and 20 CTGCCGTGATAATGCCCC (SEQ ID No. 59).

19. A recombinant expression vector comprising:

a promoter sequence; and

an oligonucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of 25 TTTAGCTTTACACACTGCTGTT (SEQ ID No. 30), TCCAAAGCTTTACTTCTCGG (SEQ ID No. 31), GATGAAAAGTGGACCA 32), ATCTGTTGGTGAAAGTTC (SEQ ID No. TCCAGCTGCCTGCGGT (SEQ ID No. 34), CTTGTACTTGAGTCCTG (SEQ ID No. 35), CTCCGGTTGAAATACGGA (SEQ ID No. 36), 30 CATCGTTTGTCTCGTTGAGA ID No. (SEO 37), **TCACTGTTAAAATAGTGGAGAT** (SEQ ID No. 38), and ATCTGAATATGGATAAT (SEQ ID No. 39).

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20. A recombinant expression vector comprising:

a promoter sequence; and

an	oligonucleotide	sequence	selected	from th	e group	consisting of
TTCTCG	GAACCTGGAG(GAGC	(SEQ	ID	No	. 40),
GACACA	GTACCTTTGAA	AGTG	(SEQ	ID	No	. 41),
TGGACC	AAAGCTGCAG	AGGT	(SEQ	ID	No	. 42),
CCTCAC	CTGGCTGAAA1	TAGA	(SEQ	ID	No	. 43),
AAGCAC	TCACCTCCCAC	GGTG	(SEQ	ID	No	. 44),
GACATT	CTACCTGCAG1	TGA (SEQ	ID No. 4	5), CTCA	AAAACCI	ATCAGAAA
(SEQ ID	No. 46), GG/	AAACTTAG	CCTATCA	CTGT (SEQ ID N	No. 47), and
GCTAGC	AAAACTGAAA	AGAG (SEC	Q ID No. 4	l 8).		

21. A recombinant expression vector comprising:

a promoter sequence; and

15 an oligonucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of GAGAAATATTCATTCTG (SEQ ID No. 49), CGAGTCCTGATAAAGCTG (SEQ ID No. 50). GATGAGGGTGCAAATAA (SEO ID No. 51), **GGAGTGTTAATTAATAACAGTTT** (SEO ID No. 52), CAGAGATTACAAAAACAAT (SEO ID No. 53), TGCCTTTTTACATTTTCAATCA (SEQ ID No. 54), ACACATAATTTAAAGGA 20 ID No. 55), TTAAATTATTCAAAAGG (SEQ ID No. 56), **AAGAGAAATATTCATTTCTG** (SEQ ID No. 57), CCCCTCCCCCACCCCTGCA (SEQ ID No. 58), and CTGCCGTGATAATGCCCC (SEQ ID No. 59).

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22. A method of blocking synthesis of type 5 17β -HSD, comprising the step of: introducing an oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of TTTAGCTTTACACACTGCTGTT (SEO ID No. 30). TCCAAAGCTTTACTTCTCGG (SEQ ID No. 31), GATGAAAAGTGGACCA 30 (SEQ ID No. 32), ATCTGTTGGTGAAAGTTC (SEQ ID No. TCCAGCTGCCTGCGGT (SEQ ID No. 34), CTTGTACTTGAGTCCTG (SEQ ID No. 35), CTCCGGTTGAAATACGGA (SEO ID No. 36). CATCGTTTGTCTCGTTGAGA (SEQ ID No. 37),

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TCACTGTTAAAATAGTGGAGAT (SEQ ID No. 38), and ATCTGAATATGGATAAT (SEQ ID No. 39) into cells.

- 23. A method of blocking synthesis of type 5 17β -HSD, comprising the step of:
- 5 introducing an oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of TTCTCGGAACCTGGAGGAGC (SEQ \mathbf{ID} No. 40), GACACAGTACCTTTGAAGTG (SEQ ID No. 41), TGGACCAAAGCTGCAGAGGT (SEQ ID No. 42), CCTCACCTGGCTGAAATAGA (SEQ ID No. 43), 10 AAGCACTCACCTCCCAGGTG (SEQ ID No. 44), GACATTCTACCTGCAGTTGA (SEQ ID No. 45), CTCAAAAACCTATCAGAAA (SEQ ID No. 46), GGAAACTTACCTATCACTGT (SEQ ID No. 47), and

GCTAGCAAAACTGAAAAGAG (SEQ ID No. 48) into cells.

- 15 24. A method of blocking synthesis of type 5 17β-HSD, comprising the step of: introducing an oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of GAGAAATATTCATTCTG (SEQ ID No. 49), CGAGTCCTGATAAAGCTG (SEQ ID No. GATGAGGGTGCAAATAA (SEO ID No. 51). **GGAGTGTTAATTAATAACAGTTT** (SEQ ID No. 52), 20 CAGAGATTACAAAAACAAT (SEQ ID No. 53), TGCCTTTTTACATTTCAATCA (SEQ ID No. 54), ACACATAATTTAAAGGA (SEQ ID No. 55), TTAAATTATTCAAAAGG ID (SEQ No. 56), **AAGAGAAATATTCATTTCTG** ID (SEQ No. 57), CCCCTCCCCCACCCCTGCA (SEQ ID No. 58), and 25 CTGCCGTGATAATGCCCC (SEQ ID No. 59) into cells.
 - 25. An isolated chromosomal DNA fragment which upon transcription and translation encodes type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase and wherein said fragment contains nine exons and wherein said fragment includes introns which are 16 kilobase pairs in length.

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26. An isolated DNA sequence encoding type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, said sequence being sufficiently homologous to SEQ ID No. 3 or a

complement thereof, to hybridize under stringent conditions to SEQ ID No. 3, or its complement.

27. A method for producing type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising 5 the steps of:

preparing a recombinant host transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 3; and

culturing said host under conditions which are conducive to the production of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase by said host.

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28. A method for determining the inhibitory effect of a test compound on the enzymatic activity of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the steps of:

providing type 5 17β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase;

contacting said type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase with said test compound; and thereafter

determining the enzymatic activity of said type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase in the presence of said test compound.

20 29. The method, as recited claim 28, wherein said step of determining enzymatic activity includes the steps of:

adding a substrate which is metabolized by said type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase; and

determining an amount of said substrate which is converted to metabolite.

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30. A method of interfering with the expression of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering nucleic acids substantially identical to at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 1 or a complement thereof.

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31. A method of interfering with the synthesis of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering antisense RNA complementary to mRNA encoded by at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 1 or a

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complement thereof.

- 32. A method of interfering with the expression of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering nucleic acids substantially identical to at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 3 or a complement thereof.
- 33. A method of interfering with the synthesis of type 5 17β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the step of administering antisense RNA complementary
 to mRNA encoded by at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID No. 3 or a complement thereof.
 - 34. A method for determining the inhibitory effect of antisense nucleic acids on the enzymatic activity of type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, comprising the steps of:

providing a host system capable of expressing type 5 17β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase;

introducing said antisense nucleic acids into said host system; and thereafter determining the enzymatic activity of said type 5 17β-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase.

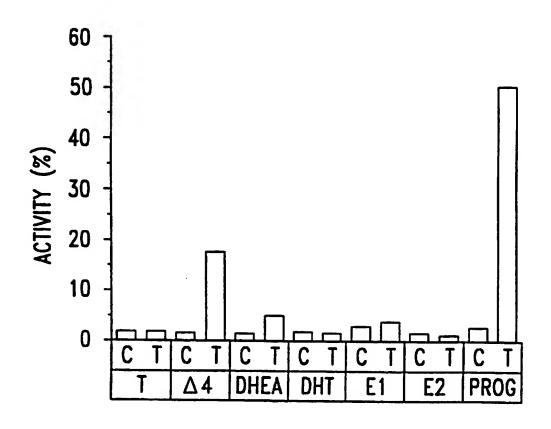
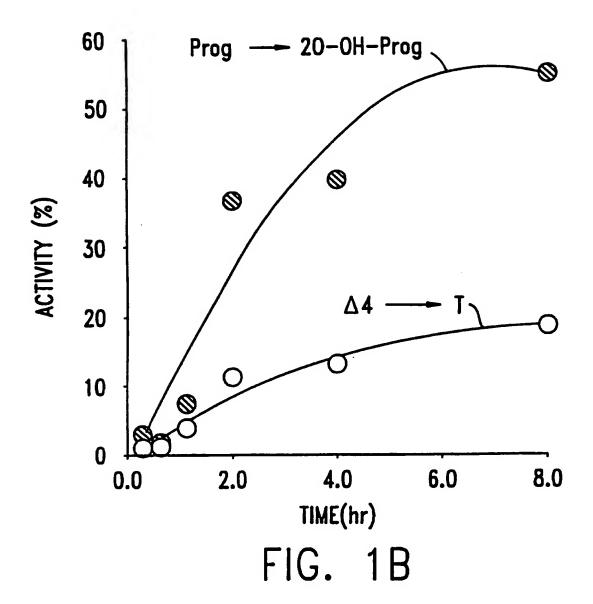


FIG. 1A



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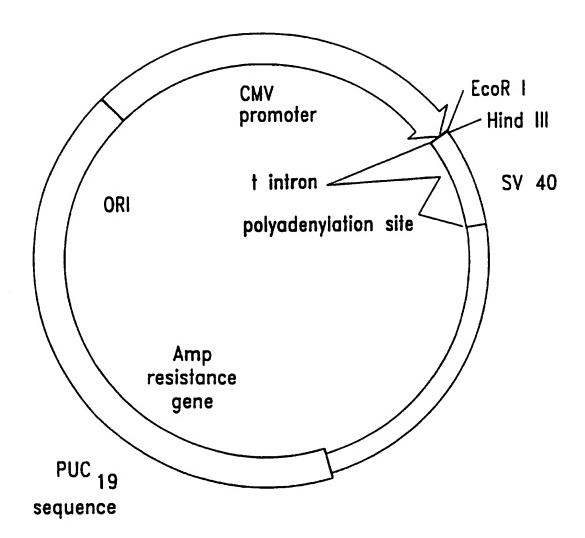


FIG. 2

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GAT (Asp (GAG Glu	GCT	CAG Gln	AGA Arg	CCA	TTG
AAT G	CCA	GAA Glu	GAG Glu	AAG Lys	CGA Arg	CAA
CTA 1	CCT	ATA Ile	GAG Glu	GTG Val	CAT	GCT
AAG CLys I	GCA	GCA	AAT Asn	AGT	TTT	AAA Lys
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TGT CYS V	ACC Thr	AAA Lys	TAC	GAT	TCC	CTG
CAG 1	GGC Gly	ACC	TTA	GCA Ala	TGG Trp	TCA
CAG C	TTT Phe	GTC	CAT	ATT	CTT	AAC Asn
AAA C	GGA Gly	GAG Glu	GCT	AAG Lys	AAG Lys	GAA Glu
ier I	TTG	TTG	TCT	AGC	TCA	TTG
GAT TCC A	GTA Val	GCT	GAT Asp	CGA Arg	ACT	GCC Ala
	CCT	AAA Lys	ATA Ile	ATC Ile	TAC	CCA
GA A	ATG	AGT	CAT	GCC	TTC Phe	CGA
CAGG	TTC Phe	aga Afg	cgc Arg	CTG	ATA	GTC
GTGACAGGGA ATG	CAC	CCG	TTC	GGA Gly	GAC	TTG

FIG. 3A-1

385	433	481	529	577	625	673	721
GGT Gly	ATA Ile	GCA	CTG	AAC	TTC Phe	TCT Ser	
CCA	GAC	GAT Asp	CAG Gln	TGC	GAT	GGA G1y	TTG
AAG Lys	TTT Phe	AAG Lys	AGG	GTC	CTA	CTG	CTC
CTA	ATA Ile	TGT Cys	cgc Arg	CCT Pro	TTG	GCT	GTG Val
TCT		AAG Lys	AAC	AAG Lys	AAA Lys	AGT	CCG
ATG	AAA Lys	GAG Glu	TTC	1 TAC TYF	AGT	TAT Tyr	TCC
CCA	GGA Gly	ATG		AAG Lys	CGG Arg	GCC	AAC Asn
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GTT Val	GAA Glu	GAT Asp	TTG	ATG Met	GTA Val	AAG Lys	CGA Arg
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FIG. 3A-2

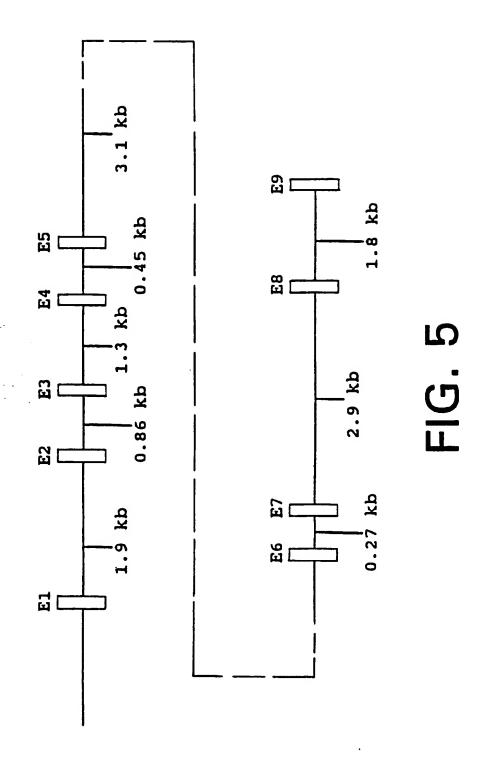
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FIG. 3A-3

FIG. 4A-1

220	275	323
SNFNRRQLEMILNKPGLKYKPVCNQVECHPYFNRSKLLDFCKSKDIVLVAYSALG 220	SQRDKRWVDPNSPVLLEDPVLCALAKKHKRTPALIALRYQLQRGVVVLAKSYNEQ -H-EPEQSALIGQQI-T-K TY-YCINEDTD-ITMYQ	RIRQNVQVFEFQLTAEDMKAIDGLDRNLHYFNSDSFASHPNYPYSDEYKE-I
h 20aHSD rb20aHSD r 20aHSD b 20ahsd h 3aHSD r 3aHSD f pgfs f p-crys	h 20aHSD rb20aHSD r 20aHSD b 20aHSD h 3aHSD r 3aHSD f p-crys	h 20aHBD rb20aHBD r 20aHBD b 20aHBD h 3aHBD r 3aHBD f p-crys

FIG. 4A-2



AAAGATATITGTAGCTGGAGGTTTTTATAGTCTAACATATGGTTGCTATITTGTTCTACAAATCCTTTTGAATAATTTAAT aagaacaaatactattaaggcactgcttgcatatttaaatgatgtccaaactccaaaactgttaataattaacactcc **AATAAAAACTACACCAGAATTTCTTTTTATTTGCACCCTCATCAGGATTACAGCTTTTATCAGGACTGCATCTTCTTCAGA TTACAGITITIAACITITAATITITITITIGAGGACCAACIGITITGAAAAITICICATITAGICATICCITITAAATITGIGIA** TGTGAGAGAAAGACGTAAGATGGTTAATTATTTCAAATGATGCAGTATAAAGAAGGGGGCATTATCACGGCAGAAACAAA atagagatttcgaatagaaataatacittagatagaaattaatgagtitattataaccatattataataattactt **AGGAATTCTCTTTGATAAGAAACAAATGAATGCAATTTTTCTCCACAGACCATATAAGACTGCCTATGTACCTCCT** GAGGAGAAGC

10/15 **8** GGA Gly His Phe Met Pro Val Leu GGC CAC TTC ATG CCT GTA TTG Gln Gln Cys Val Lys Leu Asn Asp CAG CAG TGT GTA AAG CTA AAT GAT AGCAGCAAACATTTGCTAGTCAGACAAGTGACAGGGA Glu CCA GAG Pro Ala Pro CCT GCA TYT Lys AAA TCC ACC Ser Thr Gly Met Asp GAT 299 ATG Phe LLI

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FIG. 6A-1

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Leu Glu Val Thr Lys Leu Ala Ile Glu Ala Gly Phe Arg His 41			GTACTGTGTCTATGAGGCTTGTGTGCACATGTATTTATTGTGATTGTGGAGATGACAATTCTATGACTGGAGAA AGTTGTGGGTGAATTTTGCTTCTGGGTTCAAATTTATTCACACATACTCACATACTAAAATTCTATGAAATCAAGGAA TGATGATCACTTTTCATTTTGCTTCCAATTTATGACCTGAAAGTCCCTTTACTTTTTGAGCTTCAGCCGAGATC AGTGTGATCTTATTATTCATTAGAATCACAGAGAACAATAATCATGTTATGGTTTTTTTT
G1y GGG	Ile		CCTA SAGC CGCC SCCC ACCC ACCC
Ala GCT	Ala	Lys	CAAT CTG CTTTC CTTTC CTTTC VATT
Glu	Leu	Ser	TTCT TTCT TTCT TTCT TTCT TTCT TTCT
Ile	Gly Leu	Thr	GAGA TTTT GTTT AATA AAAC
Ala	Val	TYE	TGTG TATCC TATCC TATCC ATCCC
Leu	Gln Can	Phe	ATTGATGATTGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGATGAT
Lys	Glu	Lys Arg Glu Asp Ile AAG AGA GAA GAC ATA	TIGICACA ACACA ACCCT PAATC FIGAGA FIGGG
Thr	61u	ASP	TTTAT VITCA VCAAT VCAAT VCAGT CAGCAT
Val GTC	Asn	Glu	GETAL VITILI VATITI SAGAL CITAL CITAL VICAL
Glu	Asn	Arg	CAAL CCAAL CCAAL CATCO CATCO CATCO
Leu	Tyr	Lys	GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG
Ala	Leu	Val	TTGG GGGC FATAC FCAA FCAA CCAA CCAA CAATTC
LYS	His	Ser	GAGC TEGCT TETCT TCTCT TGTC
Ser	Ala	G1y GGC	VIGAT VALTI VITCATO VAGO
Arg	Ser	Asp	STOTE SETER STITES SECTI
Pro	Asp	Ala GCA	GTACTGTGTCTATGATGAGCTTGTGT AGTTGTGGGTGAATTTTGCTTCTGGG TGATGATCATTTTGGCTGT AGTGTGATTTGACATGTGCTATAGAA AAGATTTCTTATTATTCTCTCAATTG TAATAGACACTTAAATTGTCCTAAAT CTTTAGTTTCTAAGCAACATAATTGG
Val		Ile ATT	GTAC AGTT AGTC AAGP TAAT

FIG. 6A-2

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Lys	AAA		
Leu	CTG	Lys	AAG
Ser	TCA	Len	CIP
Asn	AAC	Ser	ICI
_	GAA		
	TIG		
	SCC		
	CCA		
	CGA		
	GIC		
	TTG	•	-
	GAG		
Pro	SCA	Asp	GAC
-	CGA	•	_
His	CAT	Tyr	TAT
Phe	TIL	Asp	GAC
-	ACT	•	-
Ser	TCC	Gln	CAA
_	TGG		_
Leu	CILI	Lys	AAA

AAA GCT CAA TTG GAC TAT GTT GAC CTC TAT CTT ATT CAT TCT CCA ATG TCT CTA AAG
GTATGCAGTTTGTATGAGCATAAAATTGCGCTTCTGCTGTCATTATAAACATTGTTTATGTTGGATAGTTGAACAGAGCTT
TITATTAGGAGGATGTAGGGATTATCACACAGAAGAACCGTAAGTGGAACACCTAATTTCCTTTCTTT
0.9 kbATATAATATTTGTAAGAGTTAGAGGAAGCCTGTCTCCTGAATACATTCCTTATACCTTCATAT
GTAAAACACTTAGCACATATCACTTTCTGGAGCATTGTACCACCTGTCTCATGGAGGATTAGTGTCCTTAAAGGTACCTG
GGGTTACAGCTATGAGTGGAGAATTAATTTGTGACATCATTAAAATGACTGCTTCTATTTCAG

Asp	GAT		
Val	GTG		
Ile			
Asp	GAC		
Phe	_		
Ile	ATA		
Val			
Lys	AAA	ŋ	
Gly	GGA	14	
Asn	AAT		
Glu	GAA		
Asp	GAT		
Thr	ACA		
Pro	CCA		
Ser	TCA	Glu	GAG
Leu	Fig	Trp	TGG
		Thr	
Glu	GAG	Thr	ACC
Gly	GGT	Cys	TCT
Pro	CCA	Leu	CIC

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TITITIGACAATCACTGCTAGCTATITICATIGICATACTITIGAAAGTIGTTGCTCTCACAGTICTGTCTTGCATTTACC GTGAGTGCTTGGCGGAGAGGACACAGAAGGATGACAAAAAGAGAAAATCTGTTTCCCAGGTTCGATAGGAAAGAATGG AATATGCACCATTAGATC.....0.1 kb............GACAGGAATCTCTTTCCTTGCTTGTGCATTAATCTAT **GCAGTTTCCTAAGGAAGATAGAAATTCTTACTCTTGCTGCCTCTATCTTCTTCCCCTATTTGCTGTTTGAATTTTTTT** GTGATTTGCAGCCAACTGCACAAATAATTCCTCACAACCCCTTTCTCCACAG

FIG. 6A-3

ALG MEC GIU LYS CYS LYS ASP ALA GIY Leu Ala LyS Ser Ile GIY Val Ser Ash Fhe Ash And GC AGG TAT GGG GGG TCA AAC TCC AAC GC AGG TCA AAC TCA AAC TCA AAC ATG GGG AGG GGG GGG CTG AAC TCC AAC TCC AAG TCC AGG GGG GGG CTG TCA AAC TGC AAC TCC AGG CAG GGA CTC AAG TCC AAG TCC AAG TCC AAC TGC AAC TCC AAC TGC AAC TCC AGG CTG GTC TGC AAC TCC AGG CAG CAG CAG CAG CTC GTC TGC AAC TGC AAC TCC AGG CAG CAG CAG CAG CTC GTC TGC AAC TGC AAC TCC AGG CAG CAG CTC GTC TGC CAG GIN CAG CAG CTC GTC TGC AAC TGC AAC TCC AGG CTC GTC TGC AAC TGC AGG CTG GTC TGC AAC TCC AGG CTC GTC TGC AAC TGC AGG CTC GTC TGC AAC TTC TCT TTTTTTTTTT
Ara GCC GCC GCC GID CAG GTA ACT TTAA TTAA ACT

FIG. 6B-1

246	266	282		14/15	302	310
Pro Asn Ser Pro Val Leu Leu Glu Asp Pro Val Leu Cys Ala Leu Ala Lys ccg Aac Tcc ccg GTG CTC TTG GAG GAC CCA GTC CTT TGT GCC TTG GCA AAA	Arg Thr Pro Ala Leu Ile Ala Leu Arg Tyr Gln Leu Gln Arg Gly Val Val CGA ACC CCA GCC CTG ATT GCC CTG CGC TAC CAG CTG CAG CGT GGG GTT GTG	Lys Ser Tyr Asn Glu Gln Arg Ile Arg Gln Asn Val Gln AAG AGC TAC AAT GAG CAG CGC ATC AGA CAG AAC GTG CAG	GTGAGGAGCGGGGCTGTGGGCCTCAGGTCTCCTGCACAGTGTCCTTCACGTGTGCTTCTTGTAAGGCTCTCAGGACA GCCTTGGGCCAGCTCCATTTCCCATATGAATGCTTTGCGTGCTCT	Itaaaacitaccaatatititaagtatigictcigcaccctactgtctaata aaaataataaaagtitititatiticigatag	Glu Phe Gln Leu Thr Ala Glu Asp Met Lys Ala Ile Asp Gly Leu Asp Arg Asn	GAG TIC CAG TIG ACT GCA GAG GAC ATG AAA GCC ATA GAT GGC CIA GAC AGA AAI Tyr Phe Asn Ser Asp Se
	His Lys	Leu Ala CTG GCC	GTGAGGAGCGGGG GCCTTGGGCCAGC CCCT	AGTGTTTAGAGCT	Phe Glu	
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FIG. 6B-2

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TCTGCTCTGCTGACAGATGTACAGGAATATACTTGAATATTTGACTTTGTGTGTTTTTACGTGTTAACTTCCAGATAAGGG aatatgattgaataatttatttttettttgaaaatactgtattatgaagccatgttcataaagggaaggcagattctac aactagtcagacaacttaacattcatactaatgacagcttcattgaaatcactttactactcccctagtaatggagtcat **TGCATTTATATTACATTATTCTCTTTTCAG**

TITATITATITICAAATGITITITCCITCCITCCITGCACGIITIGITCAIGCCCCAAACICIGCITITGCCTCCAGAAAGCC

ttccitagtggagtgaataggagtgcttgtccttgatttcctgcaatatggagctctcaaggcaggaatttaaaaaaa TTAAAATCAAGGAGTGTGAGTGTGGAGGCAGAAGCTCCATTGTTGTATATATTTGTAGCTGATAAAAGATCT....

GCAGGGTGAGTGGGCAGGGATCAGCATGGGTCAACCTGTGCCTCTGCTCTTGACTCCATGGAACTTTCCAGAGCAGCC

aacatcattgccaagtctgcacgttgcatataggcctggtgtttctaccactggacatgctgtggatactgcccatgtga **CTTCATTAGATGTTTCCAAATCTGTGCTTATATCACATTGTCCCAAACCTGCTCAGCTCCTTATCAAATCAAAAACATTT**

gtaagttttcctttgtaaatgggtgatctaattttatttctggagaaggaatgtaggatgggtggtgagagtgacctccata CCAGAGGGACAGAGGCCAATGTGAGTCAGAGGTGAGACTGGAACTCTTCTGCTGGATTCACTCCAGAGCTCTGTTCTCTG

Phe Ala Ser His Pro Asn Tyr Pro Tyr Ser Asp Glu Tyr End TTT GCT AGC CAC CCT AAT TAT CCA TAT TCA GAT GAA TAT TAA HE

actggacatatcacctctacttaaatccgtcctgtttagcgacttcagtcaactacagctgagtccataggccagaaaga **CAATAAATTTTTATCATTTTGAAATAA** TGTGTGTGCTTTCTTGGCTCAACAGGG

FIG. 6B-3

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